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Environment Committee
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Room 3200
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Senator Meyer, Representative Roy, Senator Roraback, Representative Chapin and Members of the Environment Committee:

I am testifying in strong support of Senate Bill 210, AN ACT ALLOWING MUNICIPALITIES COMPLETING A SURVEY OF UNLICENSED DOGS TO KEEP A LARGER PORTION OF DOG LICENSE FEES.

This bill would allow municipalities completing a survey of unlicensed dogs to keep 80 percent of dog license fees collected.

Currently, each year, a town is required to pay to the State Department of Agriculture 40 percent of all fees it collects if the town has made a survey of unlicensed dogs. Senate Bill 210 would reduce that requirement to 20 percent.

As I am sure all of you can appreciate, the towns I represent in north central Connecticut need all the help they can get in keeping the revenue they take in. Every dollar counts, especially in these tough economic times.

I want to help towns like Enfield keep more of the fees they collect, rather than sending the bulk of those fees to the State of Connecticut.

This is a local control issue. Keeping these fees in town can allow a town to direct funds to where they are needed the most.

Thank you for your consideration of this common sense measure.

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